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Comments:

1. Coordinates for locations mentioned throughout the report are:
 Usovka (N 51-48, E 46-30)
 Yelshanka (N 51-49, E 46-24)
 Chardym (N 51-48, E 46-21)
2. Ref. para. 5, page 2, for Kurdyum, [] probably means Ust-Kurdyum (N 51-40, E 46-13), located on the Volga River. Kurdyum (N 51-37, E 45-42) is located west of Saratov.

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PART II - The Village of USOVKA in SARATOVSKAYA Oblast.

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A rough sketch map of the village is attached (Appendix "B").

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2. USOVKA is situated about 45 km. north-east of SARATOV, on the right bank of the VOLGA, in the VOSKRESENSKIY Rajon of SARATOVSKAYA Oblast. It is built on the top of the steep river bank at about 20 metres above the river.

3. Two main streets about 500 metres long traverse USOVKA from north to south, one of which terminates at the top of the river bank, and the other descends in a curve to the foot of the bank level with the river. They are about 90 metres apart and are joined by a few small intersecting streets. They are wide enough for 2 or 3 lanes of traffic and have no pavements. There is no road along the Volga at the foot of the bank, which is mostly of clay. All the roads are unpaved with surfaces of sand and clay, which become difficult to use in rainy weather.

4. Practically all the buildings in USOVKA are wooden one-storey.

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- (b) School (No.2).
- (c) Old disused church (No.3)
- (d) Shops (Nos. 4 and 5)
- (e) Electric power-station (No.6). This is a small oil-driven generator, sufficient only to supply local needs. Many houses have electricity, but the power is low. There are a few electric lamps in the main streets, but they are dim and spaced at irregular intervals.
- (f) Veterinary Station (Veterinarnyy punkt) (No.8). Although this is primarily for the treatment of sick animals, human patients are also treated for minor illnesses.
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(Note: The nearest Post Office and hospital are at the village of YUSHANKA (about 7 km. west of USOVKA)).

5. The river Volga is usually navigable each year from about the end of April until the end of November. In summer there is a regular river service between USOVKA and SARATOV with intermediate stops at CHARDYM and KURDYUM. This is operated by small steamers that carry about 50 passengers each. A steamer leaves SARATOV daily at about 2000 hrs, arriving in USOVKA at about 0100 hrs the same night. Another leaves USOVKA daily at about 1400 hrs and arrives in SARATOV at about 1800 hrs. The vessels are usually crowded, as this route provides the best means of communication between USOVKA and SARATOV. In winter transport has, of course, to be by road. There is no railway at USOVKA. There is a bridge across the Volga in the immediate vicinity of USOVKA. Some of the large, long-distance passenger vessels - such as those on the route GORKIY/ASTRAKHAN - also put in sometimes at USOVKA when the level of the Volga is high enough to permit this.

6. There is no real industry in USOVKA, but there are kolkhozes in the neighbourhood. There was a timber trust (LESPROMKHOZ) there until it was closed down in 1951, local supplies of wood having become insufficient. The USOVKA area is not thickly wooded, although there are copses of oak - chiefly on the opposite side of the Volga. Wooden hoops for barrels are made in a number of small workshops along the Volga in USOVKA.

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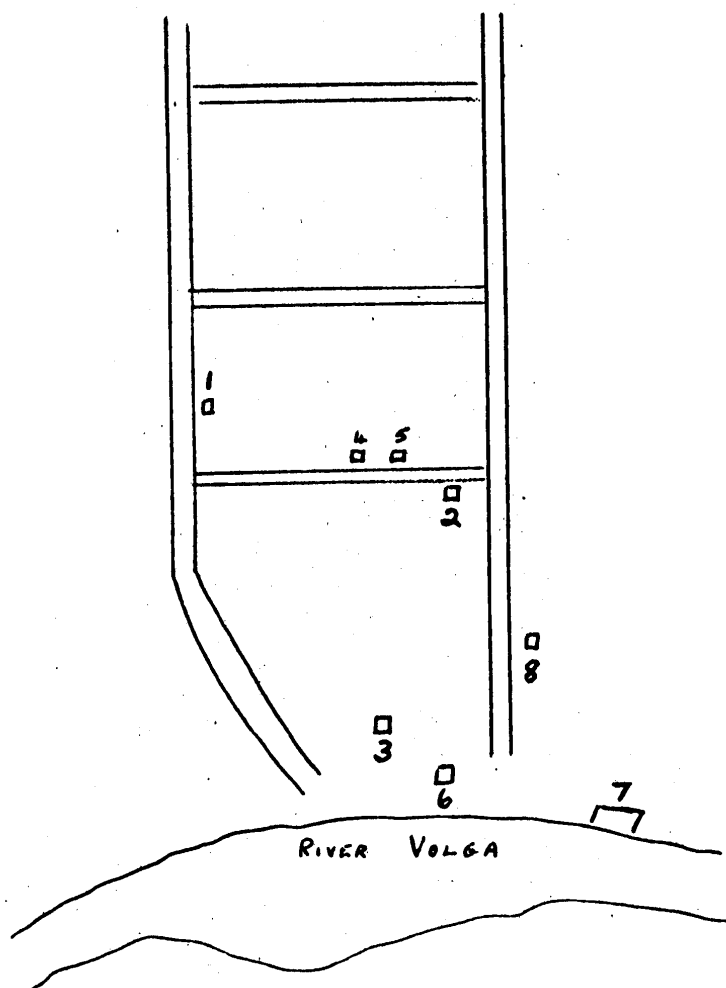
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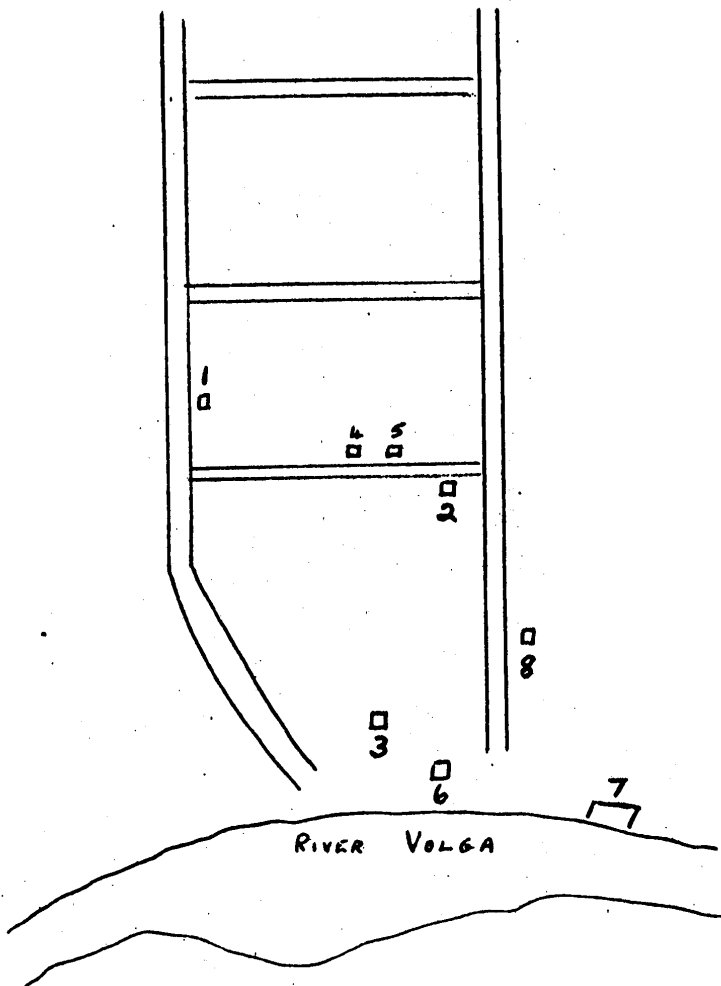
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